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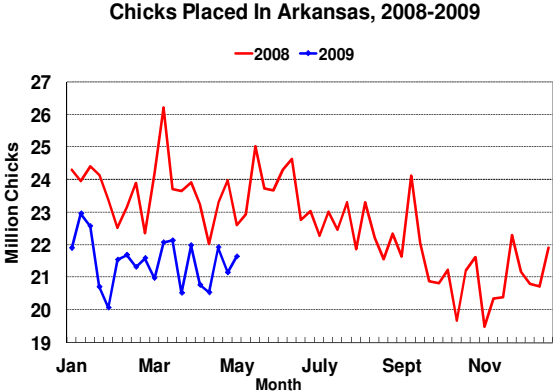
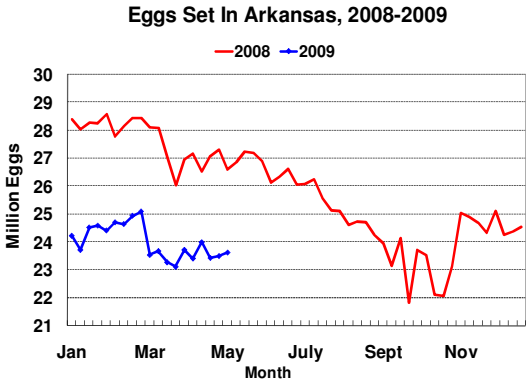


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.6 million during the week ending May 9, 2009. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 9, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 11, 2009 - May 9, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May
Thousand										
Alabama	29,892	29,935 *	29,685 *	29,941 *	29,705	20,817 *	20,409	19,720	20,563	21,024
Arkansas	23,416	23,995 *	23,431	23,501	23,627	20,771	20,538	21,929	21,156	21,646
Delaware	3,580	3,585	3,529	3,615	3,579	4,473	4,370	4,758	5,033	4,850
Florida	956	991 *	991	994	995	707	726	685	695	821
Georgia	31,801	31,283 *	30,936	31,890	31,558	25,635	26,052	27,560 *	27,251 *	25,976
Kentucky	7,796 *	7,682 *	7,687	7,699	7,739	5,832	6,030	5,929	6,067	6,704
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	1,892	1,901	1,896	1,902	1,888
Maryland	9,169	9,160	8,963	8,799	8,700	6,597	6,661	5,637	6,088	6,451
Mississippi	17,750	17,622	17,659	17,124	17,045	16,764	16,491	16,899	16,693 *	16,072
N. Carolina	18,805	18,936 *	18,553	18,708	18,829	15,976	15,666	15,836	15,639	15,659
Oklahoma	6,962	6,921 *	6,690	6,850 *	6,779	5,648	4,530 *	4,601	4,931	4,417
Pennsylvania	3,931	3,952	4,061	3,805 *	3,948	2,978	2,879	3,168	3,105	3,124
S. Carolina	5,624	5,538	5,636	5,714	5,905	4,714	4,728	4,257	4,768	5,862
Texas	14,996 *	15,351 *	14,980 *	14,500 *	15,134	12,765 *	13,415 *	13,341 *	13,001 *	13,340
Virginia	6,158	6,179	6,236	6,283	6,356	4,310	4,987	5,475	4,562	4,996
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,978	19,545	19,627	19,323 *	19,720	16,599	17,322	17,784	16,753 *	16,604
19 State Total	203,044 *	202,905 *	200,894 *	200,976 *	201,849	166,478 *	166,705 *	169,475 *	168,207 *	169,434
Prev. Year Total	215,925	214,822	213,675	214,360	215,078	177,613	177,156	178,240	177,740	177,096
% of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	95	95	96

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 9, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 9, 2009. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 9, 2009 were 3.19 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.